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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Stefan Thiem

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Application No. 10/611,768

For: Drive System for an Apparatus for Staining Specimens

STATUS INQUIRY

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Please advise as to the status of the above-identified application. The last communication in this application was a Notice of Publication of Application received January 15, 2004.

Thank you for your prompt attention in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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